

YMCA ANNUAL MEETING
AND REPORT

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METROPOLITAN YMCA
OF MONTREAL

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A RECORD YEAR IN EVERY RESPECT WAS REPORTED TODAY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL. REPRESENTING A VAST EFFORT IN EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS, THE MONTREAL 'Y' SERVED 49,229 DIFFERENT MEMBERS DURING 1962, ITS REPORT SHOWED. OF THIS TOTAL 63.5% WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 24. THE MONTREAL YMCA IS THE MOST VARIED OF MONTREAL'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY, THE FIVE DIFFERENT SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS SCHOOLS (ART, BUSINESS, ADULT ELEMENTARY, ADULT HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE SCHOOL OF RETAILING). THERE ARE EIGHT BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THREE RESIDENT CAMPS AND LODGES IN THE LAURENTIANS.

REPORTING FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK, F. G. HUBBARD, GENERAL SECRETARY, STATED THAT TO MAKE THIS VAST PROGRAM EFFECTIVE THERE WERE OVER 3,914 LEADERS, OFFICERS, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEN, TEACHERS AND STAFF GIVING LEADERSHIP TO VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THIS WORKS OUT TO AN OVERALL AVERAGE OF ONE TO EVERY 12 MEMBERS.

"HERE IS THE CRITICAL POINT IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WHOLE ASSOCIATION, 'LEADERSHIP'," ADDED MR. HUBBARD.

THE PRESIDENT, COLIN W. WEBSTER, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE YMCA'S SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY,

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ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD A CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN FOR A
LARGE AMOUNT IN 1964. THE COST OF THE PROPOSED NEW UNIVER-
SITY BUILDING FOR SIR GEORGE IS SAID TO BE 21 MILLION
DOLLARS.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC HAS APPROVED THE PROPOSED
BUILDING DESIGN AND HAS ASSURED US OF ASSISTANCE IN THE
MATTER OF SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL GRANTS," REPORTED MR. WEBSTER.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE METROPOLITAN YMCA AND FOR THE CORPORATION
OF SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY, WHO WERE ELECTED AT THE
MEETING, INCLUDE:

PRESIDENT	- H. ROY CRABTREE
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT	- T. DENTON LEWIS
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT	- W. N. HALL
3RD VICE-PRESIDENT	- W. S. KIRKPATRICK
HONORARY-TREASURER	- W. C. CORBETT
HONORARY-SECRETARY	- J. R. LOGAN

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
111TH ANNUAL MEETING
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL
APRIL 22ND, 1963.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I would like to thank all of you for your attendance here this afternoon. This Annual Meeting is necessary in order to comply with certain constitutional requirements. In addition, however, it also provides an opportunity for representatives of the YMCA family from across the city to meet briefly for a review of the accomplishments of the past year with a view to better planning for the future.

May I also take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation to the members of the Metropolitan Board of Directors, the officers of the Association, the chairman and members of the Board of Governors of Sir George Williams University and Schools, the members of the Branch Boards of Management for the interest, time and support of the work of the Association during the past year. Your co-operation and advice during my two years as President has been greatly appreciated. I am sure that you would wish me to thank the many friends of the Association, both corporations and individuals, who over the years have supported the YMCA financially, both through the Annual Financial Campaign and the World Service Campaign.

Our 1962 Annual Campaign was led by members of our Board. Roy Crabtree was General Chairman and gave outstanding leadership in the preparatory stages. When he found it necessary to be absent during the active campaign period, John Houlding took over as acting chairman. R.A. Irwin chaired the Special Names Committee for the second year. W. F. Macklaier, Q.C., of the Advisory Board was the principal speaker at the Opening Dinner.

The Campaign organisation accepted an increased goal of \$285,000. Final results produced \$22,000 more than last year - a record amount. To these directors and the division chairmen and teams we express our appreciation.

I would like to make reference to the work of Mr. E. C. Wood of our Advisory Board and Mr. Roy Crabtree, who accepted the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship respectively of the Montreal Division of the Canadian Youth Fund. The Campaign was an outstanding success both nationally and in Montreal and has made possible a great advance in the work of the National Council of the YMCA.

In the YMCA we enjoy an unique relationship between the lay members of the boards and committees and the staff. It is based on a partnership in pursuit of the objectives of the associations. Speaking for the lay side of this partnership, I want to express our appreciation to the staff for their fine support and hard work in the interest of our joint enterprise.

We are living in a period of the most rapid technological, social and political change that the human race has probably experienced to date. The problems of adjustment to this rate of change are very great for all of us. These changing conditions present especially difficult circumstances for young people who are in the process of seeking to understand the world which they are inheriting and to establish their own personal values.

Being a youth movement, we are concerned that young people have opportunities to learn how to face up to the tests of living in this new world.

These are primarily learning problems. In the larger aims of an educated people the sense of National achievement, under new conditions, will inspire a truer sense of understanding, a common pride, a shared purpose. This presents the YMCA and Sir George Williams University with a great challenge.

The requests for admission to Sir George Williams University continues to exceed our accommodation. In spite of the very efficient utilization of space in both the University building and the central YMCA and the renting of several floors in a nearby building, many hundreds are unable to gain admission each year. This is especially serious for those who are working during the day and must obtain their education in the evening. The alternative educational opportunities open to them are very limited. It must also be recognized that every young person with the desire and the ability to obtain further education, but ^{12/14} fails to do so because of lack of facilities and teachers, represents a loss to the community which it can ill afford.

Only 46 percent of our population has more than a primary school education. At the University level only 10 percent of the College age young people in Canada attend college compared to over 20 percent in the United States.

On this basis we are raising a group of young people inadequately equipped to take their place in modern business and industry, and from which are coming the greatest number of the unemployed and unemployables. If this situation is not corrected very shortly, one cannot but question whether we are going to be in a position to stand a chance in competition with other countries.

Last year I made reference to plans for a new and second building for Sir George. Since then, the city authorities have been very co-operative in resolving certain problems related to the site. The Government of Quebec has approved the proposed building design and has assured us of assistance in the matter of substantial capital grants.

It is proposed to start next fall to erect a ten storey building on the site which has been purchased north of Burnside between Bishop and Mackay Streets. The cost of the project including site, building, furnishings and equipment is estimated at about 21 million dollars. This new building will enable Sir George to double student enrollment in the University, to expand and enrich its course offerings and to provide opportunities for graduate study. It will be necessary to obtain public support for this important undertaking and for this purpose, the Board of Directors has decided to hold a capital funds campaign for a large amount in 1964. This is a very important undertaking and I would bespeak the encouragement and the support of all board and committee members and of members and friends of the YMCA and Sir George Williams University.

As you listen to the reports of the Honorary Treasurer and the General Secretary, you will learn in somewhat more detail, the encouraging progress that is being made in maintaining the Association as a constructive force in the life of the community.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE
111TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL
MONDAY, APRIL 22ND. 1963

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have in your hands a copy of the General Report for 1962. I shall not attempt to review this document in detail, but trust that you will find the time and the interest to read it later. I will make some general comments regarding the overall work of the year.

At the end of December last, there were 28,885 different members on the role of all operating units. If those who attended summer courses at Sir George Williams, the summer camps, enrollment in various short-term programs are included, the total number of different persons active in the program during the year was 49,229. This is a new high in registered members. 63.5% were 24 years of age and under.

These members were associated with the University, five schools, eight branches and three camps. To provide each individual with an adequate induction into the Association involved interviews with parents, and with members, careful counselling with students in the selection of courses, administering of tests to some in addition to attention to personal and financial records for each individual. Once enrolled and involved in the Association, it is virtually impossible to record the vast number of personal contacts with each individual. Counselling by teachers and student counsellors, by group advisors, and camp counsellors and by leaders, and by service staff, provide a limitless opportunity to give attention and emphasis to the importance of each individual.

The program of the Association was organized into classes, groups, clubs, teams and committees. There were 1,023 different classes in the University and schools and 2,713 groups, teams and classes in the camps and branches.

In the 68 years that Kamp Kanawana has been in existence, it is estimated that 40,000 boys have earned the right to call themselves "Kanawanian".

During the 1962 summer season, 550 boys representing the highest enrollment attended the camp. Mr. Ross Seaman again directed the camp and surrounded himself with an able group of 66 staff persons and counsellors. 15 boys were assisted financially in going to camp through the campership fund. This fund is replenished each year by contribution from interested friends of the Camp.

A total of 2,097 boys, men and women attended the two out-of-city camps, Kanawana and Otoreke. In addition 1,928 boys and girls were enrolled in the seven day camps and summer fun clubs.

To make this program effective and possible, there were 3,914 leaders, officers, Board and Committee men, teachers and staff recruited, trained and involved in the various segments of the Association. This works out to an overall average of one to every 12 members. Here is the critical point in the effectiveness of the whole Association, 'leadership'. We rise or fall here. Dedicated and competent teachers, leaders, Committee and Board members, officers and staff persons are an essential component in the web of inter-personal relations that go to make up the Association. Much more attention was given to training and personal development programs for this key group at all levels and in all parts of the organization. Seminars, conferences, workshops, training laboratories, personal conferences and ^{Courses} ~~causes~~ involved many staff and volunteer leaders and advisors. It is my confident hope and expectation that those who carry heavy and important responsibilities of leadership will in their turn have experienced personal growth through service and responsibility.

Some encouraging steps have been taken in research and testing in relation to methods and program content, especially in relation to Hi-Y Program and boys camping. Some helpful results have been forthcoming, which has brought about modification in some practices and confirmed others. Much more work of this nature should be undertaken.

Reference was made last year to the newly renovated 6th. floor residence in Central Branch and Mr. Logan has mentioned improved financial returns. I am pleased to report that last year the downtown residence occupancy averaged ^{81.1}~~82.1~~% of capacity for the year. The gross income was \$320,000 which was slightly more than 1% short of the highest year on record. The trend is upward and it is hoped that we will see continued improvement in the current year.

All buildings and facilities owned by the Association have been maintained in good repair necessitating extensive work in some cases. The new headquarters building for the Lakeshore Branch was completed at year end. Each of the branches is now housed in facilities owned by the YMCA.

The Chairman has made an important announcement regarding the proposed addition to the University's facilities. The planning and designing of a building for a downtown University presents special problems. Because of high cost of the site, it must be multi-storied, thus requiring the provision for heavy vertical traffic and peak load periods. It must include a variety of special facilities to meet the requirements of several fields of study. Careful and meticulous planning involving the University faculty, the administrative officers and the architects and co-ordinated by Mr. A. E. Sargent representing the building committee, has been under-way for the past eighteen months. The result is an imaginative practical and functional design that is quite unique in the University building and modest in cost per student seat. Its ultimate realization will be a great addition to the teaching facilities of the University and an asset for the City.

I wish to express my appreciation and my respect for the members of the staff who are so deeply immersed in and dedicated to the work and purposes of the Association. Their hard work, their commitment to study and self-development has meant a great deal to the steady improvement in the effectiveness of the YMCA and the University and schools.

One cannot close an annual report without expressing thanks that man and God has seen fit to raise up and develop such a movement as the YMCA, and to hope that we, who are the Association movement of today, may have the foresight, the dedication and the will for unselfish service to meet the tremendous needs of this day and generation.

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